

A FIERCE BATTLE

Vivid Story of General Cronje's Magnificent Fight Against Great Odds.

BRAVE SOLDIER'S SURRENDER

A Graphic Recital of the Battle in Which the Gallant Boer General Stubbornly Combated Superior Forces.

The following interesting account of the battle in which General Cronje was outnumbered, and finally surrendered after a gallant fight, is taken from the St. Louis Republic of March 1:

"It was on February 2 that the army of Roberts and Kitchener, numbering about 50,000 of horse, foot and artillery set out from the Modder river for the purpose of relieving Kimberley and to crush General Cronje, with his 8,000 or less intrepid Boers. Four days later the cavalry, moving northward, had captured important drifts in the river while the infantry rolled up rapidly behind it.

"Roberts had the lesson of the whole campaign before him. He knew he must be swift as well as strong. He knew that the Boers thought all English soldiers slow, however sure. The brave Cronje was immensely surprised on February 15, when the British cavalry swooped down upon him southeast of Kimberley with such fierce onslaught that his forces were scattered quickly. Cronje did not wait to give battle to the advancing British host, but retreated, hoping to escape. Fighting every inch of the way in the face of such odds as men have rarely stood up against, Cronje finally succeeded in reaching Koodoo's Rand, on the Modder river. The Boer general had a task of the utmost difficulty. His transport, moved for the most part by mules and oxen, was necessarily slow. It was constantly harassed from the rear, while the attacking army with its line of communication open to the base of supplies and with its great numbers, was able to push fast upon the retreating burghers.

"At Koodoo's Rand Cronje was forced to halt. His men, his horses, his animals were tired out. Here he hoped to check the entrance of the British into the Free State. A breathing spell, and Cronje was off again, for he knew that he was shortly to be pursued with unabating vigor. For greater speed he dropped a valuable convoy, which the British, following after, picked up and passed on.

"As soon as Kitchener discovered that Cronje's retreat was not a wile he stuck spurs into his corps and urged it into full chase. Kitchener sent Colville and Kelly-Kenny with the Ninth Division eastward on a road parallel with the Boer line of retreat. French was dispatched far around by forced marches, for the purpose of heading off the fleeing burghers.

"Cronje always seeking the protection of the river bank, fell back with the greatest stubbornness and valor. While the main body of his little army sought to outtrace the British, 2,000 of the farmers with Mausers and cannon, halted again and again to pour what repelling fire they could at the following English.

"But Kitchener, Kelly-Kenny, Colville and French had shown the Boers a likeness of their own celerity, and ten days ago Cronje knew that the bed of the Modder river must be his stand, for better or worse, for in what ever direction his reconnaissances were made the scouts came upon the British, now converging upon the doomed band of the two republics.

"Cronje fortified his laager at Koodoo's Rand, chose a circle of kopjes near the river, planted his few guns and with defiant heart awaited the inevitable.

"A week ago London, exhilarated by the success of the British trap, was sunk into temporary doubt by the rumor that De Wet had joined Cronje. Had this been true the issue might have been different, but no such good fortune was to come to the redoubtable Boer captain.

"Pressed back day by day, Cronje's men were finally penned up about Paardsberg Drift, and it was here that the soldiers, with many of their wives, were to make their ever memorable resistance.

"For the British, the fighting now became a potting game, with the relentless Kitchener of Khartoum pouring down the rain of lead and iron in their basin of earth.

"The question here was to be decided quickly if at all. War was seen in these days at its cruellest—men fighting against hopeless numbers, in the face of certain death.

"But one cry came from the brave Cronje: 'Give us a day's armistice to bury our dead.'

"Not a minute," said Kitchener. "The whole force must surrender or fight to a finish."

"We'll fight then," came answer in the boom of his guns.

"Roberts planted his guns on the crown of every hill and sought to ap-

pal the Boers by the stress of overwhelming noise. Cronje held on bravely. By day his men lived in a torrent of missiles; by night the sky was lighted by the flames of his burning wagons. The remnant burrowed deeper into the side of the river bank and stuck there.

"Every hour the British as soon as new trenches were dug and new gun emplacements constructed, crept up. When morning broke last Tuesday, 50 guns were in striking distance of the Boers. The gunners saw the burghers throwing up high entrenchments in the hurry of desperation. A few shells were sent to drive the men away from the work. At the same time the guns of French's force to the northward were heard engaged, presumably, with Boers pressing to reinforce their friends. Three field batteries and two naval 12-pounders were enplaced south of the river at a distance of 2,000 yards. On the north bank one howitzer, three field batteries and three naval guns were already placed so they enfladed the river, while other guns arrived hourly from all directions.

"With these powerful muzzles directed upon them the Boers awaited their fate. The distant booming of French's guns was taken as a signal for the British artillery to open fire. The bombardment was one of the most terrible in modern warfare. There were British guns enough to oppose 50,000, hurling their shells at a force, which at this time must not have numbered more than 5,000. Nevertheless, although some of the British guns got as close as 1,000 yards, gunners dropped occasionally in their tracks from Mauser bullets from the hands of the dauntless farmers.

"The Modder river bed became a great graveyard. Medical service was inadequate and the valley became a stenchful slaughter pen, with the hot African sun beating down into it.

"All day this, and the next the British, by a gallant charge, captured the remaining kopje held by the Boers. The end was thereby much nearer for Cronje and his brave followers.

"It merely remained for the British to continue their closing in tactics. Gun after gun was moved up yard after yard, until some of them lurled lyddite point-blank at the hiding Boers.

"Surely the Boers must give up soon!"

"But no white flag was hoisted and Friday came, and Saturday, with the grim arm of Britain steadily tightening about the weakening body of Cronje.

"If De Wet got within helping distance of Cronje he was hurled back, and old Cronje was left to fight it out alone in the bloody bottom of the Modder.

"Little light was shed upon the situation during the last week of Cronje's desperate resistance. From that point of view, with the reverses of the past in mind, all sorts of doubts came into the public mind. For Sabbath reading the English learned that the battle still raged and that Commandants De Wet, Prinsloo and Botha were moving up to offer what succor they could. The home folks knew that Kitchener and Roberts must make quick work of it.

"None knew this better than Kitchener and Roberts. Even at night the shelling continued. The burning supply wagons made targets for the lyddite shells, and the guns, sighted in the falling day, were kept hot during the night.

"Cronje, cooped up in his death cage, knew on Friday that the anniversary of Majuba Hill was to come on Tuesday.

"If those in front of him were not drawn off to fight away the battalions of DeWet and Prinsloo, he doubtless felt that Tuesday would be his last day in command of the Boer forces in this war.

"General Roberts learning from captured Boers that women were in Cronje's laager, sent word that he would give them safe escort without the fighting lines. The answer, from the mouths of the women themselves, was that husbands and wives would fight and die together.

"Monday was distinguished by a splendid charge of Canadian troops, who throughout the seven days' fighting had been conspicuous for gallantry.

"The fearful hammering continued through Monday. The British trench was now close about the Boers. Fighting was now a visible matter on both sides. British and Boer were now face to face. With another single converging move by the soldiers of Roberts, Cronje and his men must either die or surrender.

"Then the end came.

Church Notice.

St. John's Episcopal church, Mr. Edwin Ferguson, minister in charge. Services every Sunday morning and evening in Odd Fellows temple: Morning prayer and sermon at 11 a. m.; evening prayer and sermon at 7:30 p. m. Sunday school will be held every Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Look in at Mrs. Easter's before buying your spring hat.

A WEEK OF PRAYER.

Methodists Fear their Church is Losing Ground.

Heads of the Methodists are planning for a revival, says the New York World. They think their denomination is losing ground, especially in the large cities. With a view to add to the church's strength the Methodist Episcopal Board of Bishops has issued letters to the pastors of all the Methodist churches in the world appointing a week of prayer and penitence, beginning on March 25.

The letter was prepared by Bishops W. A. Nind, C. H. Fowler and L. W. Joyce. They enumerate the causes for the apparent lack of interest in Methodism in America as follows: "Labor troubles and the church standing aloof from them, neglect of the submerged tenth of Methodism, permitting the Salvation Army to do work the church should do; secularizations and vagaries of Christian Science, campmeetings, light literature, too many and too low amusements, side-tracking of moral and spiritual forces necessary to build a church, lack of self-denial, too many many revivals and criticisms of preachers and of sacred things."

"Today" the letter concludes, "Methodism confronts a serious situation. It is high time for each and every believer in the creed to take himself to prayer and to call mightily on God for help. We ask that you assemble yourselves in your accustomed places of worship at least once each day during the week set apart for abstinence and prayer."

"We ask also that in your private and family prayers you implore God's mercy for the revival of his work of grace in each heart and throughout all our borders. Let us pray God for help that a family altar may be established in each Methodist home."

The bishops take a hopeful view of the situation and say that as soon as the Methodists realize it fully they will follow in the same path which Wesley would take under the same conditions.

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Mrs. Luella Weston, (formerly Mrs. Ream) her heirs or assigns, or to whom it may concern:

This is to notify you that, as co-owners in the Middlesex mining claim, situated in the territory of Arizona, county of Gila, and more particularly described on page 284, book No. 2, of the Gila County Mining Records, have done and performed the annual work on said claim for the year 1899.

This, therefore, is to notify you that if you do not pay your full proportion of the costs of said work, together with the costs of this advertisement, within ninety days after the expiration of this notice, your interests in said mining claims, as co-owners, will utterly cease, and by operation of law become the property of the undersigned.

DENIS MURPHY, JAMES RILEY.

Globe, Arizona, Jan. 18, 1900.

Notice of Forfeiture.

To Frank Gill and the heirs of Bernard McCoy, deceased, or to whom it may concern:

This is to notify you that, as co-owners in the Nevada, Half Moon, Gold Brick, Virginia and Charleston mining claims, situated in the territory of Arizona, county of Gila, and more particularly described on pages 275, 276 and 277, book No. 6, of the Gila County Mining Records, have done and performed the annual work on said claims for the year 1899.

This, therefore, is to notify you that if you do not pay your full proportion of the costs of said work, together with the costs of this advertisement, within ninety days after the expiration of this notice, your interests in said mining claims as co-owners, will utterly cease, and by operation of law become the property of the undersigned.

J. S. MATTHEWS, WINTHROP HOUSE.

Globe, Arizona, Jan. 11, 1900.

Notice for Publication of Time Appointed for Proving Will.

In the probate court of the territory of Arizona, in and for the county of Gila. In the matter of the estate of Joseph Rodman, deceased.

Notice for publication of time appointed for proving will, etc.

Pursuant to an order of said probate court, made on the 23rd day of January, 1900, notice is hereby given that Friday, the 18th day of February, 1900, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, at the court room of said county of Gila, has been appointed as the time and place for proving the will of said Joseph Rodman, deceased, and for hearing the application of Eliza M. Rodman for the issuance to her of letters testamentary, when and where any person interested may appear and contest the same.

Dated January 23, 1900.

P. M. THURMOND, Clerk.

Notice to Creditors.

Estate of Samuel Mulligan, deceased. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned administrator of the estate of Samuel Mulligan, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice to the said administrator, at his place of business, the same being the place for the transaction of the business of said estate, in said county of Gila.

WM. MULLIGAN, Administrator of said deceased.

Dated this 12th day of January, 1900.

SOCIETIES, LODGES, ETC.

F. & A. M.

Regular meetings of White Mountain Lodge, No. 3, for the year 1900: January 18, February 15, March 22, April 19, May 17, June 14, July 12, August 16, September 13, October 11, November 8 and 29, December 6.

J. B. HENRY, W. M. A. H. MOREHEAD, Secretary.

B. P. O. E.

Globe Lodge, No. 489, B. P. O. E., meets on the First and Third Fridays in each month in Odd Fellows Hall. Visiting Elks are cordially invited.

VICTOR B. BLOOM, E. R. HARRY DUEY, Secretary.

Knights of Pythias.

Pinal Mountain Lodge, No. 11, Regular meetings every Tuesday at Masonic Hall. All brothers in good standing are cordially invited.

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A. O. U. W.

Globe Lodge No. 15, meets on the First and Third Friday of each month at eight o'clock p. m. in Masonic Hall. Visiting brothers in good standing are cordially invited to attend.

SIMON KINSMAN, M. W. JAMES E. ELLISON, Recorder.

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Rescue Lodge, No. 12, meets on every Wednesday evening. Visiting brothers are cordially invited.

S. C. SAYLER, N. G. J. H. GANNON, Secretary.

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Meets first and third Thursdays of each month at Odd Fellows Hall.

LAWRENCE TULLOCH, Chief Ranger.

WM. WHALLEY, Financial Sec'y.

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Regular Conventions of Globe Chapter, No. 7, R. A. M., second Monday evening in each month; from May to October, 8 p. m.; from October to May, 7:30 p. m. Visiting companions cordially invited.

EDWARD WICK, H. P. A. H. MOREHEAD, Sec'y.

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